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**282—16.6(272) School social worker.** A person who meets the requirements set forth below may be issued a statement of professional recognition (SPR) by the board of educational examiners.

- **16.6(1)** *Authorization.* The holder of this statement of professional recognition is authorized to serve as a school social worker to pupils from birth to age 21 (and to a maximum allowable age in accordance with Iowa Code section 256B.8).
- **16.6(2)** Requirements. The special education director (or designee) of the area education agency or local education agency must submit an application to request that the authorization be issued. The application must include:
  - a. An official transcript that reflects the master's degree in social work; and
- b. The licensed independent social worker (LISW) or licensed master social worker (LMSW) license issued by the Iowa board of social work.
  - **16.6(3)** *Validity.* The SPR shall be valid for five years.
- **16.6(4)** *Temporary authorization.* A temporary SPR will be issued for one school year if the class of license from the professional licensure division is temporary. A regular SPR will be issued with verification of a regular license and a master's degree in social work. [ARC 3633C, IAB 2/14/18, effective 3/21/18]